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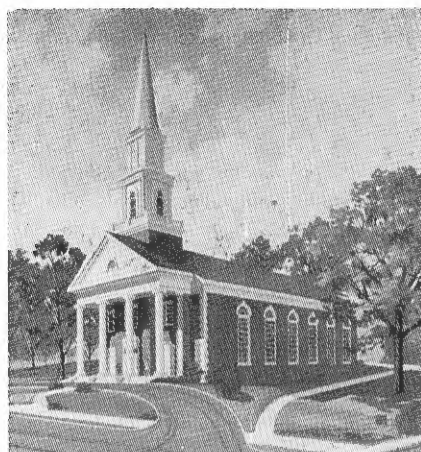
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SE Conference To Convene At Demorest, Georgia

Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11, 1972, the Southeast Conference will meet at Piedmont College, Demorest, Ga. Dr. James E. Walter is President of Piedmont College and Dr. John Bridges is pastor of the Federated Church in Demorest.

Each church in the Conference is entitled to three delegates. Those having memberships of more than 100 members are entitled to one additional voting delegate for each additional 100 members or major fraction thereof.

Each minister (licensed and ordained) is a member of the Conference, if that minister holds standing in an Association of the Conference or in the Conference itself.

If anyone has a nomination for any office, Commission or Committee of the Conference, that person should contact the Rev. W. Walter Hall, 806 South 10th Street, Lanett, Alabama 36863. He is Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Theme of the Conference is not definite at this writing. A tentative proposal is: "How We Get The Word Around."

How do we get the word around to those in our churches and communities, to newspapers and other media of communications and to the world at large? How do we communicate our faith? Who are these "Personalities in Mission?"

If you have resolutions, send them to

What Is Your Image Of Uplands?

Nursing Home? — Right! Retirement Village? — Right! Community Service Center? — Right! Child Care Center? — Yes, until financial conditions forced its closing. Out-Patient Clinic? — Yes, until Dr. Stewart retired, and until financial conditions forced its closing also.

As a retirement center, Uplands' reputation is spreading. A number of people are ready to move there as soon as living facilities can be provided. The Rev. H. Wayne Peck, Executive Director of Uplands, announced recently that plans are under way for opening a new retirement subdivision this spring. The financial pinch is not in the retirement village.

But *Uplands News* reports dire need for underwriting mounting costs of operating the nursing home. Many of the residents who need the available care most urgently are unable to pay their rightful share of the cost.

What are we of Southeast Conference doing to help? Several individual donors contribute to Uplands. *But is your church contributing? If so, how much?*

Financial contributions are needed most. Also needed, however, is good used clothing for the Thrift Shop to sell at low cost to Plateau people who cannot afford the cost of new clothing.

What can your church do? Let us of the Southeast Conference churches support Uplands in its ministry on our behalf.

Send contributions of money either through the Southeast Conference office, designated for Uplands, or directly to Rev. H. Wayne Peck, Uplands Center, Pleasant Hill, Tenn. 38578. Thrift Shop materials should be sent directly to the Center.

Dr. David L. Beebe, Glenwood at Third, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37404. He is Chairman of the Resolution Committee. All resolutions and recommendations should be channeled through the Resolutions Committee, while all items of business should be channeled through the Board of Directors.



Cluster Consultations Held In SE Conference

Ten "Cluster Consultations," involving 198 people from 45 churches, were held the week of April 9, 1972. Representing the national staff was the Rev. Leon Dickinson, Jr., Council for Church and Ministry, New York. W. J. Andes of Southeast Conference staff and Don B. Orander, Moderator of Ala.-Tenn. Association, shared in the Consultations. The purpose was to strengthen the total work of the United Church of Christ by providing opportunities for discussion of problems facing the local church as well as to foster a spirit of partnership in the Church.

Discussions ranged from the "Identity Program" of the Southeast Conference to the Consultation on Church Union; from when do we get an Area Minister to why can't ministers, employed outside of local churches but serving as pastors of local churches, receive a simple mimeographed sheet telling us what is going on and what we ought to be doing?

The need to strengthen the local church came through loud and clear. Getting together as churches in small clusters was mutually helpful because of great geographical distances between the churches. The question was often heard, "Can we in the local church be heard by those in Conference and national officers?" Another question was often heard, "What has happened to Women's Fellowship and Men's Fellowship?"

It was great to have Leon Dickinson with us. Patient, never too weary from long hours of travel and frequent meetings to answer questions and always interested in problems of the Churches of the Southeast

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SUMMER 1972 IN THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

As a direct result of our planning and working with two Synods of the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., we and they are able to offer varieties of summer experiences for children, youth and adults that would be impossible for either of us to do alone. The following events are already scheduled. For full information on them, contact either the Southeast Conference office or the other addresses indicated.

Resident Camping Events At Camp Ozone, Tenn., And Roosevelt State Park, Ga.

A week-long experience of living with others in a cabin or canvas shelter, eating, swimming, singing, hiking, and relating to others of similar age groupings as well as to adult counselors — such are the happy opportunities of resident camping! For Campers Entering Grade 5 or 6 in September 1972:

CAMP OZONE, OZONE, TENN.: July 9-15 (Sunday afternoon through Saturday morning); cost \$32.50.

ROOSEVELT STATE PARK, PINE MOUNTAIN, GA.: August 13 - 19 (Sunday afternoon through Saturday morning); cost \$30.00.

For Campers Entering Grade 7 or 8 in September 1972:

CAMP OZONE, OZONE, TENN.: July 16 - 23 (Sunday afternoon through Saturday morning); cost \$35.00.

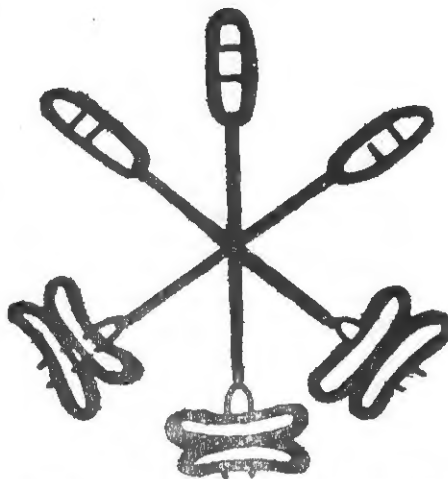
ROOSEVELT STATE PARK, PINE MOUNTAIN, GA.: August 13 - 19 (Sunday afternoon through Saturday morning); cost \$30.00.

Counselor-In-Training Event

Four boys and four girls who will finish grades 10, 11 or 12 in Spring of 1972 may participate in a Counselor-in-Training Event at Camp Ozone, Tenn., for an eleven-day period, July 5 - 16, Wednesday afternoon through Sunday afternoon. Cost \$35.00 includes room, board, insurance, and program materials.

Under the leadership of two competent adults trained and experienced in leadership education and Christian education in the out-of-doors, C-I-T's will explore and test with actual experience in the Pioneer Camp, campcraft skills, personal ethics and conduct in camp, program planning and use of resources in a camp setting. Opportunity will be given both for observation and leadership in a small group.

Since only eight persons can be accepted in this program, some screening of applicants will be necessary. Make inquiries through SEC office; deadline for receiving applications is May 25.



Trail Hiking Offered By Camp Ozone

Back-packing along scenic and challenging trails, spending the night in trail shelters, cooking, resting, sharing life with peers and adults — this only begins to describe "Trail Hiking" offered this year as a part of the Camp Ozone program:

HIKE I — for Youth who will enter grades 10, 11 and 12, in September 1972: Dates: July 24 - 29; cost \$30.00.

HIKE II — for Youth who have finished grades 11 and 12 in Spring of 1972: Dates: August 18 - 20; cost \$18.00.

HIKE III — for Youth of college age (student or working): Dates: August 25 - 27; cost \$18.00.

Canoe Trips Offered Jointly By Presbyterians, Methodists, and U. C. C.'S

One long and two short canoe trips are offered for rugged canoeists of the Southeast Conference area. If canoeing is "your thing," one of these is the opportunity you have been looking for:

CANOE TRIP I — for Youth who will enter grade 10, 11 or 12 in September 1972. Date: June 12 -17; cost \$30.00.

CANOE TRIP II — for Youth who have finished grades 11 and 12 in Spring of 1972. Dates: July 14 - 16; cost \$18.00.

CANOE TRIP III — for Young Adults

FAMILY CAMPS 1972

An increasing number of families are camping with other like-minded families over weekends or at other times.

If those from a particular church or area want to camp together and desire suggestions for "religious orientation" as part of the experience, the Southeast Conference office has some suggestions of helpful resources. In addition, some family camping events are already scheduled:

CAMP OZONE, OZONE, TENN.

June 17 - 25 (either part time or full time) for families with their own camping gear who want to help develop Ozone's Family Camping Area. Cost: \$2.00 per family per night. Families furnish and prepare their own food.

September 1 - 4: Labor Day Weekend "Family Funtastic," for families seeking a place to get away from the rush of ordinary Labor Day Weekend. Some hogans and cabins available to families not owning camping gear. Cost: \$2.00 per family per night. Families furnish and prepare their own food.

For complete information, write or telephone: Camp Ozone, Ozone, Tenn. 37842; telephone 1-615-354-9747.

LAKE BYRD LODGE, AVON PARK, FLA.

Memorial Day Weekend. Theme "Plumb Lines for Action" (May 26 - 29).

July 4th Weekend. Theme "Value Games for Young and Old" (June 30 - July 3).

Labor Day Weekend. Theme "Somebody Knows My Name."

Each Family Camp program begins with buffet supper on Friday evening and ends with lunch on closing day. Boys' and girls' dormitories available for teens and also for 10 - 12 year-olds.

Lodge and/or Dormitory Accommodations: Adult \$13; Teenager \$12; Child \$9; Trailer Pad Electrical & Plumbing "Hook-ups" (six available) — sleep in trailer, eat at lodge: Adult \$10; Teenager \$9; Child \$6.

For complete information write: Florida Conference U.C.C., P. O. Box 1056, Avon Park, Fla. 33825.

of college age (students or working). Dates: August 4 - 6; cost \$18.00.



Bi-Synod School Planning Committee
Top: Rev. State Alexander, Mrs. Agnes Wilson.

Bottom: Mrs. Carl N. Sanford.

"Faith In Action" Bi-Synod School Theme

A joint committee of United Presbyterians and U.C.C. have plans well under way for the 1972 Bi-Synod School to be held at Boggs Academy, Keysville, Georgia. Sunday, July 23 - Saturday, July 29.

Morning Classes include: Teacher Education Workshop, "Faith and Justice" Discussion Group, and a Youth-Adult Ministry Workshop. Each afternoon will be groups on Music in the Church, An Introduction to Black History. Convocation will feature Rev. James F. Reese, Secretary for Continuing Education for Pastors, UPCUSA; he will also teach a class for pastors: "Creative Ministry." By invitation only will be a Planning Skills Workshop for Lay Education." Evening programs emerge out of the Leadership School itself.

Total cost, including Registration, Room and Board, is \$40.00. For Registrations received after July 15, \$2.00 will be added to the cost.

Boggs Academy is situated near Waynesboro, Ga., on a beautiful campus. Most buildings are air-conditioned. Food and fellowship add to the meaning of the week. For full information and registration forms, contact the Southeast Conference, P. O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

Support A Child Through Your Church

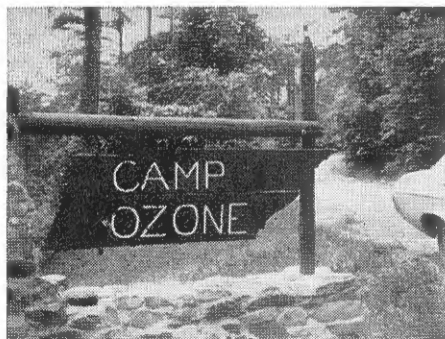
Everyone of us sees the variety of plans advertised in magazines and newspapers. "Give to help support a child overseas," they say, and many of us respond with both love and dollars. But did you know that you can participate in such a plan through your own church?

Last year, the United Church Board for World Ministries, through its program of Overseas Child Sponsorships, related some 248 children in seven countries to U. S. sponsors. The cost of such sponsorship is usually \$10 to \$15 per month, since the Board carries out the program through its Service Division without separate administrative expense. When you want to establish such a direct relationship, it's good to know that you need go no further than your own church!

Sr. High Conference To Be At Camp Ozone, Tenn.

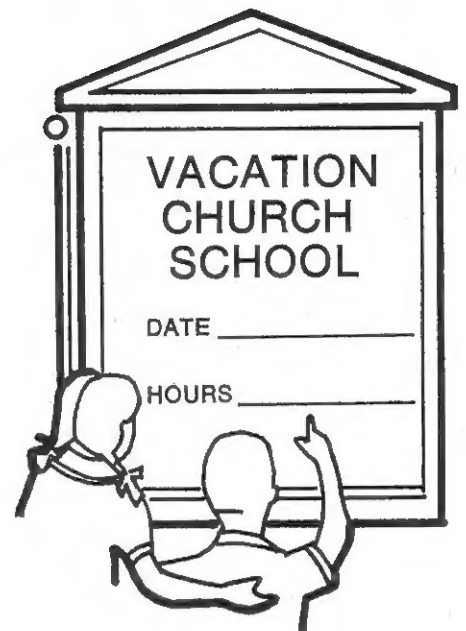
"Creation-Re-creation" will be the springboard for experience designed to help youth become more aware of God's creation, their participation in it, celebration of it, and their role as a co-creator with God. Creative expression will be encouraged through worship, study, music, art, use of leisure time and personal relationships.

This conference, being planned by youth and adults from the Southeast Conference U.C.C., and Synod of Mid-South UPCUSA, will be held at CAMP OZONE, TENN., AUGUST 6 - 12 SUNDAY AFTERNOON THROUGH SATURDAY MORNING. Cost: \$35.00 includes room, board, insurance, and program materials.



Extend Your Horizons

Read Your
Church Magazines



"GOD'S PEOPLE MUST CHOOSE" is the 1972 theme for the Cooperative Series of Vacation Church School courses for pupils from Nursery (3 years of age) through Junior High. Courses for adults are also suggested.

Titles and format of the courses are colorful and exciting: Nursery — "It's Summer . . . and We're 3"; Kindergarten — "Love One Another"; Grades 1 and 2 — "Hi, Neighbor"; Grades 3 and 4 — "We Need Each Other"; Grades 5 and 6 — "Choose"; Junior High — "To See, to Hear, to Choose."

An Examination Kit containing an Administration Manual and 1 Teacher's guide, 1 Pupil's Book, and 1 Resource Packet for each age group (no Resource Packet for Junior High) Nursery through Junior High is available for \$29.95 from denominational bookstores. Quickest service for the Southeast Conference area will probably be provided by Cokesbury Southern Regional Service Center, 201 Eighth Avenue South, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

Descriptions of courses and an order blank are also available from the above address. Courses may be ordered individually, as desired.

Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., is making plans for an "Induction Service" for their new pastor, Dr. David L. Beebe. Ministers and churches of the U.C.C. fellowship, as well as representatives from neighboring churches, are being invited to the event to be held on Sunday, May 7, 4 P. M.

First U. C. C., Nashville, Tenn., Is Busy!

Although they are without a full-time pastor, members of First U.C.C., Nashville, Tenn., continue to work in the Lord's business: *The Pulpit Committee* is examining dossiers from several possible candidates.

Cottage Meetings were held in five homes on Wednesday, March 15, to provide for "a period of reflection" on the meaning of the Lenten Season, and "to enjoy each other's company."

For the second year, Brookmeade, First and Howard churches came together at First Church on Maundy Thursday for "bread" and "Holy Bread", or Supper and Communion Service.

Women of First Church provided Christmas gifts for girls at Tennessee Vocational School, and are sending \$20.00 monthly to the School so that the girls may go skating.

Youth are participating with Brookmeade young people in a Joint Confirmation Class. Another youth project was the Talent Show and Spaghetti Supper, held March 8 at Brookmeade. Proceeds were to be divided equally between the Early Morning Child Care Center at Howard Church and the young people's June trip to Florida.

Rev. William Dixon Gray is Interim Pastor.

Caddo Church, Trinity, Ala.

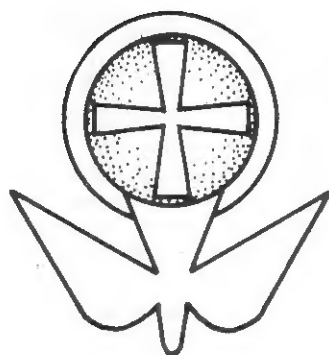
Since October 1971, members of Caddo Church, Trinity, Ala., have been very busy. On Thanksgiving Eve, the young people presented a program and served refreshments to their parents. In December they gave a Christmas program at the nearby Baptist Church.

Caddo young people hosted North Alabama Youth at their afternoon meeting the fifth Sunday of January.

The Easter season found them conducting an egg hunt and picnic for all children of the community. A re-enactment of the last night Jesus spent with his disciples and special music were featured at Maundy Thursday Communion.

Caddo Church people are also working on their property; painting the church sign, putting the grounds — including the cemetery — in good shape, refinishing floors, buying carpet for the aisles and pulpit area, as well as curtains for the entire building.

Future events include participation in the North Alabama Youth Meeting, April 30, and a Skating Party April 25.



PENTECOST

Sunday, May 21 — Acts 2

WHAT IS DISTINCTIVE ABOUT THE U. C. C.?

When asked at a recent Cluster Conference what is distinctive about the United Church of Christ, David Beebe, Pastor of Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., cited the following: 1. interested in Christian unity; 2. sound Biblical scholarship; 3. expressing the Christian faith in fresh new language — neither trite nor fake; 4. making the "Good News" alive in social change; and 5. emphasis on a "free church" with grass roots involvement and decisions — the right to be different.

David asks us, "Is this what is distinctive about our church for you? Or are there other things that make it a place where you feel 'at home'?"

—from *Pilgrim News*

Affirming the fact that "the probability of your death is 100%," *Brookmeade Church*, Nashville, Tenn., is offering a seminar series on Dying and Death, April 27 - May 11.

The five sessions include the following topics: "Medical Aspects of Death and Terminal Illness"; "Theological and Psychological Aspects of Death and Grief"; "Legal Implications of Dying"; "Funerals"; and "Alternatives to Funerals."

"In lieu of flowers," contributions are being asked from attendants to cover the cost of the series.

Donald B. Orander is pastor.

WE REGRET that many subscribers in several places did not receive their April *Southeast News*.

Apparently an improperly secured box mailed from the printer broke open. Since the printer had destroyed the plates before we were aware of a shortage of nearly 200 copies there was no way to replace the loss. We hope it doesn't happen again.

HERE AND THERE

First Church, Sweetwater, Tenn., hopes to pay off all indebtedness and have a mortgage-burning ceremony by June 4, 1972.

Church of the Savior, Knoxville, Tenn., hopes to be in their new church building by the end of May, 1972.

Pulpit Committees at Pleasant Hill, and First Church, Nashville, Tenn., and at United, LaGrange, Ga., are still hard at work searching for pastors.

Phenix City, Ala., *First Church* recently voted to install central heating and air-conditioning in their sanctuary.

The Women's Fellowship of Andalusia, Ala., *First Church*, have made it possible to pay off indebtedness incurred upon installation of air - conditioning in their sanctuary.

Andalusia, Antioch, has recently purchased new pews, landscaped grounds around their church building and done other renovations.

The children's Choir and the adult Choir of the *Blackwood Church*, Headland, Ala., under the direction of the pastor's wife, Mrs. Ray Smith, provided special Easter music. The Church has nearly 100 members.

Clio, Ala., *New Hope Church*, is brick veneering their church and preparing for a Homecoming service in July.

Rev. Olin Sheppard is serving the *Roanoke, Ala.*, *New Hope Church*, full time.

The *Montgomery, Ala.*, *First Church*, is celebrating its Centennial Anniversary with a variety of programs. The pastor, Rev. George C. Hawkins, and family, are enjoying the renovated parsonage.

IN MEMORIAM

Funeral services were held recently for Ben C. Compton, a retired merchant and Congregational Christian minister of the North Alabama area. The Rev. Mr. Compton was killed instantly when a bulldozer accidentally backed over him on the site where the victim planned to build a house.

He is survived by his widow Dottie and three sons: Charles, Kenneth, and Gorth, all of Trinity.

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Word has come of the sudden passing of Mr. *Herbert S. Robbs, Sr.*, Chattanooga, Tenn., on April 7.

Mr. Robbs was a long-time member of First Church, Chattanooga; at the time of his death he was Chairman of the church's Board of Trustees.



BIBLICAL WRESTLINGS WITH FAITH

Responding to a General Synod objective — "To wrestle with the Biblical affirmation about the meaning of life" — *Whole Earth Newsletter* is presenting a series of Bible readings related to the four priorities of the Synod.

First of these are Bible readings on the *Faith Crisis*, designed for a thirteen-week period. Adult classes, Bible Studies at an evening service or at prayer meetings, "morning coffees," or other events where adults gather, would be appropriate backdrops for "wrestling" with these:

1. *The Crisis of Faith* — Psalms 14, 79; Mark 9:14-29.
2. *The Call to Faith* — Genesis 12:1-9, John 14:1-14; Mark 1:14-15.
3. *The Challenge of Faith* — Exodus 2:23 - 4:18; Mark 11:12-24; Hebrews 11:1-12:12.
4. *The Comfort of Faith* — Psalms 42, 43; Mark 11:28-30; Romans 5:1-5.
5. *The Community of Faith* — Acts 2:42-47, I Corinthians 12; II Corinthians 8-9.
6. *The Holy Spirit and Faith* — Galatians 3:26-4:11; Romans 8:14-30.
7. *Faith in God as Creator* — Psalms 8, 139; John 1:1-5.
8. *Faith in God as Defender* — Psalms 23, 27; II Timothy 2:1-13.
9. *Faith in God as Provider* — Psalm 127; Matthew 6:25-34; Matthew 7:7-11.
10. *Faith in God as Savior* — Psalm 107; Acts 16:25-34; Mark 4:35-41.
11. *Faith in Christ* — Luke 7:1-10; John 3:16-20; 31-36; Hebrews 1.
12. *The Communication of the Faith* — Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:6-8; Romans 10:14-17.
13. *Growth in Faith* — James 1:14-17; Revelation 3:1-5; II Timothy 3.

Brief Resume Of Actions Of Executive Council Of The 7th General Synod 3/72, Cleveland, Ohio

1. Grants from the "Priorities" fund totaling \$788,000 were made to Instrumentalities:

- \$305,000 — Strengthening the local Church
- 83,000 — Faith Crisis
- 190,000 — Racial Justice
- 210,000 — Peace
- 32,000 is being held in reserve for programs yet to be proposed or refined under the Faith Crisis priority.

2. Conferences requested to assist in meeting the deficit of \$228,369 resulting from the 1971 guarantee voted by the Seventh General Synod that was to be met by Neighbors-in-Need offerings and Crisis in Nation contributions. Southeast Conference's share would be approximately \$1,000.

3. Adopted a response to the First Draft of a Plan of Union which raised serious questions about the future of church union: "Is it possible in these times for an entire denomination . . . to move together into a new structure?" Is the "COCU process" outmoded? Is there serious dialogue on the right of local congregations to hold property and to call and dismiss their ministers? Are there more serious concerns to be faced than the divisions in Christianity; such concerns as "the divisions caused by war, by racial injustice and by discrimination against women?"

4. Because of reductions in its own budget, the Executive Council suspended meetings for the current year of all General Synod Commissions and Committees with the exception of the Commission on Worship and the Nominating Committee.

5. Contributions were reduced to ecumenical agencies.

6. The total payment schedule for 1972 to Instrumentalities was reduced by \$300,000, down to \$8,600,000. This meant a serious cutback in personnel and program for many Instrumentalities.

—W. J. Andes

CLUSTER CONSULTATIONS

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Conference, Leon Dickinson came to where we are and sat where we sit. He encouraged us in the faith.

—W. J. A.

PATTERN OF GIVING

A new edition of *The Pattern of Giving In The United Church of Christ* has just been provided for every church. The Church Treasurer, as well as the minister, should have a copy of this booklet and should be familiar with its contents. It will remove any doubts about describing his remittances to the Conference office. This, in turn, will save any confusion or doubt as to what precisely was intended as to the distribution of the remittance.

The commonest and most important remittances are those intended for Basic Support of Our Christian World Mission.

The next commonest is the All-Church Offerings:

- One Great Hour of Sharing (Spring)
- Neighbors In Need (Fall)
- Veterans of the Cross (Christmas)
- (Family Thank Offering (usually received in Nov.))

This year there will be an extra special offering for the work among American Indians (Thanksgiving Sunday).

All of these are designated for particular purposes and so should be reported separately and specifically. They may be remitted in the same check with Basic Support O.C.W.M. money, but be sure to say how much is for each purpose.

Remittances for payments for the Minister's Health Insurance are not described in the booklet. That is because practice varies among the Conferences. In Southeast Conference the Minister's Health Insurance premium is billed each quarter to the minister having the Health Insurance. The minister and his church remit the premium directly to the Southeast Conference, Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

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UCC Council For Social Action Dismisses Staff

The Council for Christian Social Action voted recently to direct its activities to local churches and their members and to hire a new staff keyed to that style and level of operations.

The 27-member council voted to concentrate the work of the agency on fact-finding and research into emerging national and international social issues. The purpose of the new operation will be to furnish information to local churches and to assist the United Church in evaluating its activities with respect to such issues. Subjects on which research will be conducted include: peace and arms control, world ecology, euthanasia, problems of national domestic budget priorities and needs of developing countries.

To accomplish the switch-over, the council dismissed its entire staff of 16 persons "with appropriate notice and severance pay," according to John Shinn, chairman.

By early 1973 the council expects to have a staff, consisting of an executive director, an assistant and two field workers, with headquarters in Washington, D. C. A director of information and research will be located in New York City. Mr. Shinn also reported that several CCSA programs will be continued. Among these will be a legal aid project for the dispossessed, work with the denominational peace task force, membership in an interdenominational committee to combat apartheid and other racial discrimination in Southern Africa and participation in a U.C.C. program for reform of criminal justice in the U.S.A.

Most recently the CCSA has called upon Gulf Oil Company to withdraw from Angola.

Founded in 1934, CCSA was active in supporting labor reform legislation in the 1930's, initiated the church campaign to support the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and was the first church organization to call for recognition of the People's Republic of China.

Presently it is championing reform of abortion laws, continuing the opposition to the war in Vietnam, and working to obtain amnesty for the young men who left the U.S. as a matter of conscience to protest the war in Vietnam.

—United Church Herald

YOU SHOULD READ Beautiful Feet

On a wall adjacent to the building of Salem United Church of Christ, Norwood, Ohio, a group of local high school art students have helped to paint a message. In bold, bright colors they wrote:

"He came singing love;
He lived singing love;
He died singing love;
He rose in silence;
If the song is to continue,
We must do the singing."

From around the world, Rev. Alfred C. Krass, Evangelism Consultant of the United Church Board for World Ministries, has gathered thoughts and examples of how Christians today are bringing "good tidings." In an occasional newsletter *Beautiful Feet*, he has begun to share this news of the Good News with all who are interested. If you would like to receive it, write Rev. Alfred C. Krass, United Church Board for World Ministries, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027.

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God Still Makes Sense is a paperback by Ben Mohr Herbster, first President of the U.C.S.

In the new book, Dr. Herbster affirms the obligation of church men and women to study and know their personal relationships to God before going out to serve the world. With scores of personal illustrations, Dr. Herbster addresses his biblically based work to questions about God, Jesus' ministry and the church's mission.

Published by Pilgrim Press, the book sells for \$1.95. Order from Westminster Bookstores, Witherspoon Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107, or from Cokesbury Regional Service Center, 201 Eighth Avenue South, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

—Keeping You Posted

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The Squirrel's Bank Account and Other Children's Sermons, written by S. Lawrence Johnson, pastor of Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, Ala.

"Drawn from the Bible and many other sources, the messages are different, funny, sad, and thought-provoking for the younger child, yet realistic enough so that older children will realize that the author



Operation: Tarsus American College

This beautiful garden entrance welcomes nearly four hundred boys to Tarsus American College in Turkey, a residential school related to the United Church Board for World Ministries.

Students include some who come from village families and some who are sons of millionaires. Members of the faculty come from the United States, Australia, and the Netherlands.

Good News From F. T. O.!

For the first time, money for the *Family Thank Offering* has been more than enough to cover projects for which it was intended!

Totals received for 1971 were \$243,318.22, allocated as follows: New Ministries Among Indian Americans, \$100,000; Lay Leadership Development Overseas, \$75,000; Civil Liberties for Forgotten Americans, \$60,000.

The remaining \$8,318.22 has been assigned to the Priority Fund for 1972.

Projects for 1972 are described in *With Heart - With Mind*, a copy of which was in "Additional Program Resources, 1971-1972" from Lay Life and Work and in the Stewardship Council packet. Additional copies may be ordered free for every church family from Central Distribution Service, Box 7286, St. Louis, Mo. 63177. Family Thank Offering boxes are 56; "do it yourself labels" to use on beverage cans are 3c each from the same address.

has a healthy respect for their intelligence."

Dr. Lawrence's first book, *The Pig's Brother and Other Children's Sermons*, has been real well received.

Published May 8, 1972 by Abingdon Press, *The Squirrel's Bank Account* . . . is available from that press for \$3.00.